



PEOPLES PRODDER

June 2026 Minister's Page

Greetings, Family of Faith!

As we step into the vibrant month of June, I am reminded of the warmth of summer and the new beginnings it brings. In the spirit of **Romans 12:2**, which calls us to *"not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,"* we find ourselves on the brink of exciting changes and transformative experiences ahead.

This month, we will witness the bustling energy of the **Pedalheads** as they occupy the parking lot during the week, adding a lively atmosphere to our church community. We are also thrilled to welcome back the **Washington Jazz Arts Institute (WJAI)**, which will be using our facility over the next six weeks. Their presence brings a beautiful opportunity to elevate our artistic spirit and engage in creative conversations with young up-and-coming musical geniuses.

I invite you to join us on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** this month for discussions focused on preparing for our new minister's arrival. On Tuesdays, we will gather in person for dynamic conversations, while on Thursdays, we will have conversations on Zoom during the Bible Study hour. These moments are essential as we dive deep into the questions: **1. Are we prepared for change? 2. Are we open to God's next chapter in our lives individually and collectively?**

Since my journey began as your minister over three years ago, my prayer has been to love you into God's next for you. As we look forward, we must reflect on what we need to do to prepare our hearts and spirits for this transition. I encourage each of you to reflect on what this means for you personally and for the community. Change can be both exciting and challenging, but with faith and trust in God, we can embrace the unknown and step into what He has in store for us.

As temperatures rise, it's a beautiful time to gather with family and friends and enjoy the activities and blessings that summer brings. Let us make the most of this season by connecting—sharing laughter, meals, and moments of fellowship. Together, we can build stronger bonds that will support us as we navigate the changes ahead. May we keep the words of **Isaiah 43:19** close to our hearts: *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"* This scripture reminds us that God is always at work, crafting a future we might not yet fully understand, but one filled with hope and promise. As we prepare for the season to come, let's be attentive to the new things God is doing in our lives, both individually and collectively.

I encourage you to take some time this month for reflection and prayer. Consider how you can play a part in your church's next chapter, whether through service, support, or simply being open to the changes around us. Let's have those deep and transformative conversations that will guide us as a church family. As we embark on this busy summer, may we continue to lift each other in love and unity. Together, let's trust in God's plan, knowing that God is leading us to an even greater purpose.

Wishing you a season full of blessings, joy, and spiritual growth—as I love you into God's next for you – I remain,

Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds
Interim Minister

“Peoples Church FYI”

Prayer Meeting Dial-In

Wednesday Word Devotional Conference Call

605-475-5950 Access Code:
8964544# Second and Fourth
Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday Noon Prayer

Service Call 518-992-1039,
Access Code: 659959#

Prayer Service is every Wednesday at Noon.

Thursday Virtual Bible Study

Join Zoom Meeting: Click here to [join](#)

Dial-in# +1 301 715 8592 US

Meeting ID: 992 6852 3678 Password: 784420

Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ

Sunday Morning Praise and Worship

Teleconference Call-in-Number 720-740-9739

Access Code 4684874

The Line Opens at 6:55 a.m.

Virtual Adult Church School

**Adult Church School Every Sunday from 8:00 a.m. -
9:15 a.m. Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88390857788?pwd=RmZoY2xqeTBIRVdTK09XWFY5cG9OQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 4429 8433 \ Passcode: 53640

**Church School meets every 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday at 10:00
a.m. in the Elmes Center Classrooms from September- June**

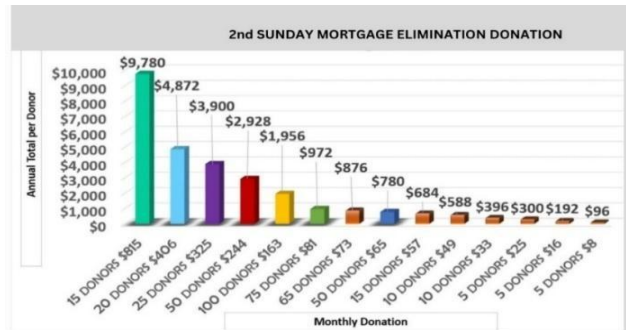


**Financial Summary
Preliminary Results
April 2026**



General Operating Results		Restricted Income		Restricted Fund Results	
Operating Income	\$104,652.79	Deacons	\$1,168.00	PCUCC Endowment	\$37,708.03
Expenses	\$115,429.28	Food Pantry	\$445.00	Butler- Music	\$15,243.72
Net Operating Income	\$-10,776.49	Scholarship	\$4,212.00	Food Pantry Endowment	\$71,280.13
		Capital Campaign	\$944.00	Butler-Scholarship	\$88,499.21
		Mortgage Elimination	\$350.00	Dowdell Cannon	\$27,670.09
				Scholarship Fund LT	\$404,253.27
				Pinkett Scholarship	\$339,493.35

** Accrual adjustments may be pending for the expenses.
The most recent information available is shown above.



2nd SUNDAY MORTGAGE ELIMINATION DONATION

Please consider selecting one of the Monthly Donation Categories in the 2nd Sunday Mortgage Elimination Donation Graph above to create your recurring financial gifts either online or by postal mail.

Remember, these financial gifts are above and beyond your usual tithing and offering donations for our Beloved Church.

Of course, if you are unable to commit to the recommended donation amounts on the graph, all donations to the Capital Campaign Community of Faith are greatly needed and appreciated.

Select Peoples Church or REALM for Online Donations

Select Menu Option: Mortgage Elimination

[Complete the 2nd Sunday Mortgage Elimination Donation Form](#)

DONATE at Peoplechurchucc.org

[DONATE on REALM](#)

Send questions or comments to CapitalCampaignPUCC@gmail.com

SPECIAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Peoples Church! All individuals who participate in our Worship and Liturgical Services and/or Events may have their images appear on our Social Media Platforms, Live Streaming, or communication documents. By attending these Services and Events, you tacitly agree to having your image displayed.



Dear Peoples Church Members,

We want to ensure that you have the best possible communication with our Interim Minister to address any needs, concerns, or messages you may have. His email address is interimminister@peopleschurchucc.org. Please note that the Pastor's Sabbath is on Friday, a time dedicated to rest and reflection. If you need to contact the Pastor via email, we kindly ask that you keep in mind the following schedule: if you send an email on Friday or Saturday, please understand that the Pastor is not likely to respond until Monday, as these are his days of rest. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in respecting the Pastor's need for Sabbath rest. Your patience and consideration are highly valued as we seek to support our Pastor's well-being and continued service to the congregation. Should you have any urgent concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Front Office.

Thank you

The Diaconate Corner

Welcome to the Diaconate Corner. Through this article, we hope to inform you regarding the role of the Diaconate in our church. The Board of Deacons, also known as the Diaconate, assists our ministry in serving the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the members of our church and our community. Included in our many duties, deacons provide ministerial assistance; assist the ministry with carrying out our worship service; provide visitation for our sick and shut-in members; provide financial assistance to church members or community members in need through the Deacon Fund Offering; welcome new members by assisting with the assimilation of the new member into the total life of the church; and assist with the preparation of youth for church membership through confirmation. Your Diaconate sponsors the following annual church services and programs: Ash Wednesday Service assistance, Maundy Thursday service, Friendship Sunday service, Advent Candle Lighting, and Watch Night Service. We want to hear from you. We will share your joy, listen to your concerns, help you in times of crisis, encourage fellowship, and moreover, we will pray for you and with you. Special requests can be made through the church office. Direct your request to "Chairperson Board of Deacons Peoples Church". Please include contact information. Thank you and God Bless.


 A Note of Encouragement from the Music and Praise Ministry
 



John 14 Verses 1-4 and Verse 18

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.



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CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN INTER-FAITH SERVICE

You are Invited

SUNDAY June 28, 2026

Peoples Congregational UCC
 4704 13th Street, NW · Washington, DC 20011

10:00 AM - Noon (EST)

SERMON — HONORING CARIBBEAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA—250 YEARS AND COUNTING

 <p> Rev. Benjamin L. Bragg-Reynolds <i>Interim Minister</i> Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">  Haji Rooknudeen Ali <i>Islamic Society of the Washington Area</i>  Ras Dr. Wayne Rose <i>UBUNTU Movement USA, Inc.</i>  Dr. Carolivia Herron <i>Tijereth Israel Congregation</i>  Rev. Kathy English Holt <i>African Tradition – Libation</i>  Invited <i>Hindu Temple of Metropolitan Washington</i>
 <p> Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson <i>Guest Speaker</i> General Minister and President and the Chief Executive Officer of the United Church of Christ (UCC) </p>	

PEOPLES PREACHING AND WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE JUNE 2026

Sunday, June 7, 10:00 a.m. (Second Sunday after Pentecost) *

"On Holy Ground" Psalm 138; Exodus 3:1-5; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

- **Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds**, *Preaching*
- **Minister Geneva Hudson**, *Worship Leader*

Sunday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. (Third Sunday after Pentecost)

Student Recognition Sunday – Board of Christian Education and Scholarship Committee

- **Dr. Davie Celeste Williams Yarborough**, *Speaker*
Ph.D. Educational Psychology
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- **Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds**, *Worship Leader*

Sunday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

Father's Day and Men's Day – Men's Fellowship

"Men of Hope" Psalm 116; Luke 24:13-35

- **Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds**, *Preaching*
- **Minister Francis Smith**, *Worship Leader*

Sunday, June 28, 10:00 am (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

Caribbean American Interfaith Service

"Honoring Caribbean Contributions to America – 250 Years and Counting"

"Honoring Legacy and Tradition" 1 Kings 8:58-61; Hebrews 11:1-7

- **Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson**, **General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ**, *Preaching*
- **Rev. Benjamin Ledell Bragg-Reynolds**, *Worship Leader*

* *Indicates Sermon-Talk-Back following the service in the Corbin Lounge.*

Happening at Peoples . . .

Sunday, June 7, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Evangelism and Outreach: Preparing for Our Senior Minister

Church Conversation and Meal – 11:30 am – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, June 8, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.to 5:00 p.m.

Church Open for Prayer with Ministerial and Prayer Teams

Monday, June 8, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Congregational Prayer Service

Sunday, June 14, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Student Recognition Sunday

Sunday, June 21, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. (Father's Day)

Men's Fellowship Sunday

Sunday, June 28, 10:00 am (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

Caribbean American Interfaith Service

Wellness Corner

Nurture Your Spiritual Wellbeing and Enhance Your Overall Wellbeing How to Seek, Find and Apply Inspiration from Words and Messages.

Research demonstrates the importance of spirituality to enhancing physical and emotional wellbeing. What constitutes the spiritual dimension human existence includes a sense of purpose, meaning, passion, and value. It informs who about you are authentically; where you are in your life; where you wish to be; and what direction and paths to pursue. It centers you, while also mobilizing and driving you.

Regardless of the source of, or the way you define spirituality, it is within your control. It is also your personal journey. It is important to nurture your spirituality, in order to experience the benefits.

Inspirational messages and words can be a powerful means of enhancing and nurturing your spirituality. They often provide clarity, wisdom and insight that helps you make sense of the world or an event in your life. For instance, your aspirations are often shaped and provided direction through inspirational messages. Transformation and the motivation to change may also be triggered by inspirational messages. Such motivation can inspire you to be your best and/or to pursue a positive path. Inspirational messages may also uplift you and provide encouragement to undertake a goal, as well as the confirmation that you are on the right path in your life.

What might be inspirational to you may not be the same for others. Therefore, the meaning and motivation that you derive from inspirational messages is very personal and not to be judged. Give yourself permission to explore various sources of inspirational messages.

Below are sources and common formats for inspirational words and messages. To find them can be as easy as typing into an online search engine; listening to others; and recognizing what captures your interest, attention and moves you.

Ways to Nurture Your Spirituality Through Inspiring Words and Messages

- Inspirational Quotes; Insightful Statements; Words of Wisdom (from famous persons; from wise persons you know; from insightful children)
- Sermons (especially powerful when scripture is translated into ways to manage contemporary life)
- Speeches, Lectures, Discussions (Ted and Ted X talks, commencement addresses, famous thought leaders, motivational speakers, podcasts etc.)

- Lyrics from songs (those that move you)
- Religious scriptures and passages (those that provide insight, learning, wisdom, etc., especially as they help you in your life decisions)
- Poetry
- Motivational and self-help books
- Positive Affirmations
- Uplifting Stories

Recognize and Reflect on Your Experiences with Inspirational Words to Apply and Utilize Them:

- What moves you emotionally?
- What grabs your attention?
- What motivates you to take action?
- What provides you clarity and those "Aha" moments?
- What enables you to feel at peace with where you are or where you are headed?

Your ability to engage with yourself spiritually places you in control of your life. Gleaning from inspiring messages and words is just one of several avenues. Allow yourself to experience the empowerment, value, energy and sense of alignment that can result from your utilization of this source of spiritual self-care and growth.



**Join Peoples People and Celebrate Juneteenth at the "Black Out" Performance of
"Purlie Victorious"**

Reserve Your Discount Tickets Now!

When: Friday, June 19 @ 8:00 p.m.

Where: Studio Theatre, located at 1501 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

Cost: \$55.00 per ticket (Note: All seats are in the Orchestra section)

Forms of Payment: Payment in advance, due at time of ordering.

- Cash
- Check: Make payable to **Peoples Congregational Church**. In memo section, write **BOT Fundraiser**
- On Realm: Select BOT; Choose the drop-down tab, "**BOT Fundraiser**"

Contact: Diane [Kern](#) to place order: (202)744-7363

Additional Information:

- You will receive a receipt of payment for your ticket(s).
- Tickets will be available for purchasers at the Studio Theatre Will Call window on the evening of the performance.
- No Refunds or Exchanges will be made. All Sales are Final.
- Handicapped Accessible Seating is Available. Please inform your seller if needed.
- Show Run Time: 100 minutes with No Intermission

Play Description: (from the Studio Theatre website)

Purlie is home on a mission—to buy back his father's church and liberate the sharecroppers he grew up with from the brutal segregationist who still runs their plantation. *Purlie Victorious* features a madcap plot, survival techniques forged in the Jim Crow South, and satiric targets that feel as urgent as they did when the play premiered in 1961—its 2023 Broadway revival was nominated for six Tony awards. Psalmayene 24 (*The Colored Museum*) will direct this timely and lacerating comedy.

**The Board of Trustees of Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ sponsors this fundraiser.
Thank You for Your Support!**

HBCU Sunday



Women's/Mother's Day Service



Rev. Dr. Helga Baskett-Tippett Ordination



Confirmation Sunday 2026





Our Members in Need of Prayer



Bobby Austin
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214
Chevy Chase, MD
20815

Conchita Boddie
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20901

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George Loines
606 Nicholson Street,
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McCormick
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Bettye Topps
1618 Juniper Street, NW
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6701 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20012

Gail Whitley
5101 Sargent Rd. NE #102
Washington, DC 20017

Maria Wilson
512 Varnum St. NW #B
Washington, DC 20011

Bette Wooden
1431 Whittier Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012



Happy Birthday to:



Happy Anniversary

Jennie Jackson	06/02	Arthur and Marie Whitaker	06/17
James Butts	06/04	Tom and Linda Henderson	06/19
Arlene King-Berry	06/09		
Carol Garden	06/15		
Kenneth Whitted	06/18		
Carolyn Cousin	06/18		
Ronald Allen	06/27		
Nina Faulk-Knight	06/27		
Christopher Spriggs	06/29		
Brenda Jones	06/29		
Vivian Jackson	06/30		
Patricia Ellis	06/30		
Brenda Banfield Smith	06/30		

Bible Quiz

1. The bible is the most popular book ever written.
 - i True
 - ii False
2. What is the first book in the Bible?
 - i Mark
 - ii Psalm
 - iii Job
 - iv Geneses
3. What is the last book in the Bible?
 - i Exodus
 - ii Matthew
 - iii Revelation
 - iv John

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Prodder Guidelines



The Peoples Prodder is our Monthly Newsletter, which informs our community about recent announcements, updates, and information pertaining to the life of our congregation.

All announcements and flyers for the upcoming edition of the Prodder must be submitted by 12:00 Noon on the 20th of the prior month.

Announcements and flyers can be emailed to yhunter@peopleschurchucc.org.

Please do not mail information; electronic submissions are required. Announcements should be a maximum of 90 words and informational about Peoples Church events or members and their families. All announcements may be edited, and submissions are subject to final approval by the Ministers.

Contact Information

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In Memoriam

	In Memoriam		
Sylvia Hawkins Passed away 2/17/26	George White Passed away 2/20/26		
Minnie Boyd Passed away 2/24/26	Robert" Bobby "Felder Passed away 3/1/26		
Claudia McKoin Passed away 4/19/2026			

Realm Registration



Scan the QR Code: Peoples Realm
Sign-Up, Sign-in or Make a Donation

CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved? Do you have a new e-mail address? Has your contact information changed? If so, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate so that we may update your contact information. Thank you!

Name(s) _____

Old Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Address _____



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